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SURVEY OF GOLD AND DIAMOND RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has conducted any survey to explore new gold and diamond reserves in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any scheme to exploit such reserves based on the said survey;

(d) whether the Government proposes to involve private companies for this purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OFSTATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZER AND MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) : Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted regional exploration for gold in the States of Rajasthan, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Uttaranchal. GSI has also conducted search for kimberlite / lamproite rocks, the source rock for diamond.

(b) : Details of investigation carried out for gold and diamond by GSI during the last five years (2003-04 to 2007-08) is given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) : Exploitation of reserves of all minerals whether surveyed by the GSI or by other agency is done in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 which provides for the grant of mineral leases to Indian Nationals or companies registered under the Companies Act, 1956. The Act provides for prior approval of the Central Government in respect of Minerals included in the First Schedule which includes gold and diamond. Mining leases are granted by State Governments.

(e) : Details of individuals and companies who during the last 10 years have been accorded prior approval by the Central Government for grant of mining lease by State Governments is available in the Ministry website http://www.mines.nic.in.

Annexure

Statement referred to in part (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.483 to be answered on 21st October, 2008 regarding `Survey of Gold and Diamond Reserves` asked by Prof. Vijay Kumar Malhotra and Shri Kiren Rijiju.

Investigations for Gold and Diamond carried out by GSI during the last five years (Field Season 2003-04 to Field Season 2007-08)

State	Area of Investigation	No. of Investigations
GOLD		
Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur, Cuddapah, Nellore, Warangal and Kurnooll districts	11
Karnataka	Raichur, Tumkur, Chitradurga, Gadag, Bellary, Devangere, Dharwar, Belgam, North Kannara districts	35
Tamil Nadu	Nilgiri, Krishnagiri & Thiruvanamallai districts	4
Rajasthan	Banswara, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Udaipur, Jaipur and Dungarpur districts	19
Jharkhand	Ranchi and West Singhbhum, Saraikela and Kharsawan	17
Madhya Pradesh	Katni, Jabalpur and Balaghat districts	5
Chhattisgarh	Kanker, Mahasamund and Raipur districts	7
Kerala	Palakkad, Malappuram and Waynad districts	3
West Bengal	Bankura district	3
Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra and Jhansi districts	6
Maharashtra	Bhandara and Nagpur districts	2
Gujarat	Jamnagar district	2
Uttaranchal	Chamoli district	1
DIAMOND		
Orissa	Bargarh, Jharsuguda, Sundergarh, Sambalpur and Nuapara districts	5
Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur, Khammam, Nalgonda, Mahaboobnagar,	

	Warangal and Kurnoool districts	22
Karnataka	Raichur and Bellary districts	5
Chattisgarh	Kanker, Bastar, Durg, Raipur, Raigarh and Mahasamund districts	6
Madhya Pradesh	Datia district	1